

ABSTRACT

There is disclosed a process for the preparation of 4-acetoxy-2 α -benzoyloxy-5 β ,20-epoxy-1,13 α -dihydroxy-9-oxo-19-norcyclopropa[g] tax-11-ene from 4-acetoxy-2 α -benzoyloxy-5 β ,20-epoxy-1,13 α -dihydroxy-9-oxo-7 β -(trifluoromethyl sulfonyloxy) tax-11-ene by reaction with a molecular sieve in sulfolane.